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ANNUAL REPORTS  
— OF THE —  
SELECTMEN,  
SUPT. SCHOOL COMMITTEE,  
— AND —  
FIRE DEPARTMENT  
— OF THE —  
TOWN OF HINSDALE, N. H.,  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
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## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen of the town of Hinsdale submit the following report relative to the financial affairs of said town commencing March 1, 1883, and ending March 1, 1884.

The following is the amount of money to be raised by law, and by vote of the town March 13, 1883:—

State tax,	\$1,920 00
County tax,	1,145 00
School money raised by law,	1,680 00

Voted to raise money in addition to the above, for

Schooling,	800 00
Ordinary town charges,	1,800 00
Highways and bridges,	1,300 00
Interest on town bonds,	1,200 00
Fire department,	400 00
Library association,	300 00
High School,	1,600 00
Hardening and claying roads,	200 00
Street lamps,	550 00
Repairs old town hall,	100 00
Lot in Pine Grove cemetery,	15 00
New highway near Wallace Holton's,	150 00
Decorating soldiers' graves,	100 00

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\$13,260 00

Overlay,	409 77
Dog tax,	71 00

Committed to Geo. P. Wellington for collection,	\$13,740 77
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Rate per cent. on \$100, \$1.50.

Valuation of said town, as appraised April 1, 1883:—

507 polls,	\$50,700 00
Real estate,	558,000 00
259 horses,	20,814 00
2 mules,	300 00
92 oxen,	6,700 00
406 cows,	12,667 00
185 neat,	5,288 00
301 sheep,	1,050 00
93 hogs,	1,060 00
45 carriages,	2,590 00
Bank stock,	6,900 00
Money on hand and at interest,	26,014 00
Stock in trade,	122,100 00
Mills,	85,600 00
Toll bridge,	9,300 00
Wood and lumber,	2,200 00
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	\$911,283 00

### RECEIPTS.

Cash in the treasury, March 1, 1883,	\$4,549 88
Savings Bank tax,	1,398 97
Railroad tax,	23 71
Literary fund money,	211 14
Bounty on crows,	4 80
Cash overdrawn from treasury by C. S. Fay, High School Agent,	52 37
Support of County paupers, April term,	\$382 62
“ “ “ October term,	199 06 581 68
C. A. Holland, janitor town hall, March, 1883,	43 00
N. M. Worden, “ “ 1883,	172 00
“ “ licenses for shows,	12 00 226 00
G. S. Howe, rent of store,	225 00
E. S. Henry, “ “	65 00
L. H. Knapp, “ “	60 00
Savings bank, “ “	30 00
Lane & Angell, “ “	43 75
F. J. Angell, “ “	31 25 455 00



M. A. Wood, rent of old town hall,	\$24 50	
Capt. A. Lawrence, " " " for state,	34 00	\$58 50
E. & N. Worden, ashes,		1 67
" " two empty oil bbls.,		1 80
County, costs and fines, Geo. A. Johnson,		19 65
" one-half fines, H. L. Knapp,		25 00
23 old street lamps,		23 85
P. W. Taylor, old road machine,		2 30
Whitaker & Page, licenses for billiard tables,		25 00
Library, for fines and catalogues,		12 10
Shingles not used on covered bridge,		8 20
Treasurer has drawn from Savings Bank sinking fund		
to pay town bond,		1000 00
Committed to Geo. P. Wellington for collection,		13,740 77
Interest on taxes,		60 00
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		\$22,482 39

## EXPENDITURES.

### ORDINARY TOWN CHARGES.

State tax,	\$1,920 00
County tax,	1,145 00
Savings bank sinking fund,	1,398 97
Town bonds due Jan. 1, 1884,	1,000 00
Interest on town bonds,	1,187 50
Ann G. Damond, four town bonds due Jan. 15, 1888,	400 00
" " one " " " " 1890,	100 00
" " interest on the above,	4 03
Freight on road machine,	9 80
Road machine,	150 00
M. C. Dix, M. D., returning 19 births and 14 deaths,	8 25
H. R. Smith, M. D., " 2 "	50
W. H. Spalter, 3 invoice books and 1 Collector's book,	2 50
Geo. P. Hooker, truck for town hall,	4 25
N. E. Pratt, lot in Pine Grove cemetery,	30 00

C. P. Hall, decoration,	\$75 00
Expressage on knives for road machine,	60
Observer printing house, town reports, 1883,	41 00
Knives for road machine,	10 00
C. A. Holland, cutting wood, 12 galls. kerosene oil,	
sal soda and 1 chair for town hall,	3 51
J. W. Buckley, his highway tax, 1883,	72
James Carroll, land damage for new road,	33 33
N. M. Worden, 16,075 lbs. coal for town hall,	50 23
"    "    3 bbls. kerosene oil    "    "	24 77
"    "    lamp chimneys, &c.,    "    "	3 35
Costs of prosecution in C. D. Whitaker's suit,	13 12
"    "    Geo. A. Johnson's    "	19 65
Bounty on 118 crows,	11 80
E. S. Henry, printing posters sale street lamps,	1 00
Geo. P. Wellington, error in Mary A. Priest's tax, 1882,	6 60
L. C. Lyman, sharpening picks,	1 85
H. S. Hathorn, work on town hall,	12 00
H. M. Jones, poll tax illegally assessed, 1882-3,	3 15
Ozro Wright,    "    "    "    1883,	1 50
Henry Barrett,    public watering trough,	3 00
D. W. Stearns,    "    "    "	3 00
S. T. Crowninshield,    "    "    "	3 00
H. B. Streeter,    "    "    "	3 00
Batchelder & Faulkner, cost serving injunctions on	
Baptist society,	34 32
Batchelder & Faulkner, retaining fees,	6 00
J. W. Pollard, weather strips for town hall,	4 10
C. A. Mason, wood for town hall,	15 23
E. J. Temple, 2 suits against H. L. Knapp,	7 50
"    "    1 suit against Geo. A. Johnson,	3 00
The Hunter Co., books for Carter, Edward Knapp and	
Morrill children,	7 21
J. B. Mitchell, galvanized iron for town hall,	10 30
A. J. Hamilton, insuring town hall one year,	240 00
L. H. Knapp, 5 lights glass and setting, town hall,	2 31
"    "    2 sets hearse straps,	6 00
J. H. Henry, labor on hearse house,	5 70



N. M. Worden, janitor town hall,	\$100 00
“ “ 1 gall. measure, 1 mirror, and sawing wood, town hall,	4 68
G. S. Howe, repairs on town hall store,	3 15
O. H. Higgins, attendance with hearse,	39 00
“ “ lock for hearse house,	1 90
P. W. Taylor, police badge,	1 50
“ “ use of ground for lock-up,	3 00
E. P. Dole, car fare and telephoning, in C. D. Whit- aker's suit,	1 45
Q. W. Cobb, repairing road machine,	1 85
C. J. Amidon, 1 bbl. kerosene oil for town hall,	7 75
Geo. W. Holland, 60 lbs. nails,	3 60
“ “ 2 books for Smith girl and Gilmore girl,	2 00
Discount on taxes,	417 88
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### REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES, AND NEW ROAD.

F. B. Chandler, breaking roads Dist. No. 1,	\$10 60
F. F. Thomas, “ “ “ “	6 40
Samuel Thomas, “ “ “ “	5 00
J. W. Thomas, “ “ “ 4,	11 00
W. W. Streeter, “ “ “ 3,	7 75
T. F. Dix, “ “ “ 7,	11 50
Norman Howe, work “ “ 9,	14 00
H. M. Butler, breaking “ “ 8,	3 00
F. F. Thomas, “ “ 1,	8 08
L. A. Parks, “ “ 12,	5 50
Wallace Holton. building new road,	150 00
C. A. Mason, work on slide near John Jeffords',	106 15
Samuel Thomas, work, Dist. No. 1,	4 80
I. C. Streeter, “ “ 6,	37 57
C. A. Mason, “ “ 9,	50 00
“ “ plank, “ 10,	26 68
“ “ work, “ 12,	19 00
“ “ “ 9,	14 75
C. A. Mason, work, “ 8,	80 00

L. F. Liscom,	plank, Dist. No. 10,	\$73 04
" "	" " 3,	1 50
" "	work, " 3,	2 00
" "	plank, " 1,	3 35
" "	work, " 1,	45 72
John Corliss,	" " 10,	4 95
John W. Thomas,	" " 4,	26 50
Geo. H. Crowninshield,	breaking roads, Dist. No. 8,	4 00
S. T. Crowninshield,	work, Dist. No. 7,	10 00
L. F. Liscom,	work, Dists. No. 1 and 2,	173 78
" "	hardening road, " 1,	109 00
I. C. Streeter,	work, " 6,	5 88
Albert Ashcroft,	shingling lower covered bridge,	19 06
C. A. Mason,	work on highway, 9,	13 12
" "	plank and timber, 9,	10 04
D. W. Stearns,	work, " 14,	6 50
Q. D. Streeter,	" " 5,	20 26
S. T. Crowninshield,	work, " 7,	8 00
P. W. Taylor,	" "	365 55
" "	tile,	14 75
" "	hardening roads,	54 00
" "	snowing two bridges,	10 00
M. H. Bardwell,	boards for covered bridge,	3 38
Calvin Shattuck,	work in Dist. No. 12,	11 00
A. H. Sumner,	" " 8,	2 25
Geo. P. Hooker,	" " 2,	2 50
L. F. Liscom,	bridge plank, 10,	77 05
" "	work, Dists. Nos. 1 and 2,	39 63
C. D. Merriman,	101 lbs. grate castings,	3 54
George M. Wright,	work on highway,	11 00
Stebbins & Horton,	65 lbs. nails for covered bridge,	3 47
J. H. Henry,	shingle for covered bridge,	75 75
J. W. Thomas,	work in Dist. No. 4,	3 00
C. A. Mason,	" " 9,	2 82
O. S. Higgins,	" " 10,	8 44
N. M. Worden,	" " 11,	12 85
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		\$1,809 56

# PAID SEVERAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND INDIVIDUALS.

W. S. Barrows, for high school, as per report,		\$1,562	34
Samuel Thomas, Dist. No. 1,		202	21
John W. Thomas, " 2,		102	67
Charles Dragoon, " 3,		124	67
Lucius Doolittle, " 6,		13	20
C. S. Fay, " 4, 5 and 8 united,		1,731	39
W. W. Streeter, " 7,	\$93	16	
" " " dog money,	50	00	143 16
George P. Slate, " 9,		182	39
H. M. Butler, his school money,		4	50
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		\$4,066	53

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

C. Fitzgerald, as per report,	\$844	22
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## FIRE ENGINE HOUSE.

D. F. Ferrin, grounds,	\$350	00
J. H. Henry, bills,	1,592	07
O. S. Higgins, per order,	200	00
M. H. Bardwell, "	48	23
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	\$2,190	30

## STREET LAMPS.

Globe Gas Light Co., Boston, balance due on contract for 1882-'83,	\$34	17
Globe Gas Light Co., Boston, balance due on contract for 1883-84,	510	08
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	\$544	25

## SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE OF TOWN PAUPERS.

N. H. Asylum, for Julia M. Spencer,	\$135	40
P. W. Taylor, assisting Edw. Knapp's family,	\$17	50
C. A. Mason, wood for " " "	5	25 22 75
Mary Chapman, supporting Eliza Burroughs,	78	00
" " clothes for " "	5	00 83 00



Lyman Atwood, support of Eri Elmore,	\$111	25	
M. C. Dix, medical attendance	19	25	
C. E. Cooper, digging grave,	3	00	
P. W. Taylor, funeral expenses,	11	70	145 20
Dr. Geo. F. Gale, amputating arm for Albert Perham,	60	00	
Dr. W. S. Leonard, attending Perham,	13	25	
Dr. M. C. Dix, " "	21	50	94 75
N. H. Asylum, support of Horace B. Darling,	30	66	
W. S. Barrows, going to Brattleboro' and Concord with Horace B. Darling,	14	00	
M. C. Dix, certificate of insanity,	2	00	46 66
Geo. W. Holland, goods for Edwin Clark's family,	2	60	
C. A. Mason, wood for Edwin Clark's family,	2	62	
P. W. Taylor, goods and house rent for Edwin Clark's family,	139	76	144 98
Coffin and shroud for Lewis Smith's child,			8 00
			<hr/> \$680 74

## COUNTY PAUPERS.

Mary F. Fisher,	\$72	25	
Smith Taft,	3	50	
Morris Cunningham,	42	15	
John Robbins,	111	20	
Tom Shaw,	62	25	
James Morse,	40	88	
Wm. Arling's family,	2	03	
Wm. H. Taylor,	2	50	
Eight tramps,	8	00	
Joseph Drake,	2	80	
Charles E. Bartlett's family,	29	88	
Henry Sawtelle's "	66	19	
John LaBounty's "	137	78	
Sarah T. Martin,	45	10	
Carter family,	29	51	
Charles Barrett,	25	00	
Sarah O. Bartlett,	3	00	
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## TOWN LIBRARY.

A. M. Stearns, librarian,	\$50 00
The Hunter Co., books,	16 32
G. S. Wilder, 1 book, (Error's Chain),	5 00
C. J. Amidon, 1 copy Gunter's Monthly,	2 00
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	\$73 32

## TAXES ABATED.

Henry Adams;	\$1 50
Tom Cross,	1 50
James Demsey,	1 50
James Graney, illegally assessed,	1 50
Lewis Hayes, " "	1 50
John La Mountain, " "	1 50
Wm. Pearson, " "	1 50
Albert Perham,	2 50
Joseph Shavelier,	1 50
Hiram R. Smith,	1 50
Jerry Shehan, illegally assessed,	1 50
Charles Safford, " "	1 50
Nathan Thomas, " "	1 50
Horton & Estey, (parsonage),	15 00
Morris Holton,	1 50
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	\$37 00

## TAXES SUSPENDED.

Arthur Akely,	\$1 50
Charles C. Aiken,	1 50
George L. Bartell,	1 50
Peter Brainard,	1 50
Joseph Carter,	1 50
Benjamin Campbell,	1 50
Paul Debosh,	1 50
Harry Grow,	1 50
Perry Jones,	1 50
Howard Knowlton,	1 50
George Marlborough,	1 50

James Mulchard,	\$1 50
Albert Martin,	1 50
Edward McLaughlin,	1 50
George W. Shutrum,	1 50
Solomon Sevanch,	1 50
George Walker,	1 50
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	\$25 50

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Warren S. Barrows, Selectman,	\$150 00
Prentiss W. Taylor, “	75 00
George P. Hooker, “	80 00
Prentiss W. Taylor, Overseer of Poor,	25 00
C. S. Fay, Town Clerk,	50 00
George P. Wellington, Collector,	100 00
George W. Holland, Treasurer,	25 00
S. G. Abbott, Supt. Schools,	\$ 8 00
M. C. Dix, “ “	40 00
“ “ High School,	10 00
H. H. Hamilton, “ “	10 00
“ “ “ Schools,	40 00 108 00
George Britton, truant officer,	10 00
Arad Gilbert, “ “	4 00
M. V. Colton, police officer,	15 00
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	\$642 00

## RECAPITULATION.

Ordinary town charges,	\$8,615 41
Highways, bridges, and new road,	1,809 56
Several school districts, and individual,	4,066 53
Fire department,	844 22
Fire engine house,	2,190 30
Street lamps,	544 25
Town paupers,	680 74
County paupers,	684 02
Town library,	73 32
Taxes abated,	37 00



Taxes suspended,	\$ 25 50
Town officers,	642 00
Cash in the treasury,	2,269 54
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	\$22,482 39

### OUTSTANDING CLAIMS AGAINST THE TOWN.

Due dog money, 1882,	\$21 00
“ “ 1883,	71 00
School district No. 6,	299 19
“ “ 9,	180 81
High school,	90 03
Literary fund, 1882-83,	408 02
Fire department,	528 85
Engine house,	609 70
Ministerial fund, money deposited in Hinsdale savings bank,	222 00
Interest on same,	50 36
Library,	551 51
Hardening and claying roads,	37 00
Bonded debt of town on town hall,	22,500 00
Old town hall,	100 00
Decoration,	25 00
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	\$25,694 47

### ASSETS OF TOWN.

Due from County :

Mary F. Fisher,	\$35 00
Morris Cunningham family,	13 65
John Robbins, “	111 20
Tom Shaw, “	62 25
James Morse, “	40 88
Wm. Arling, “	2 03
Wm. H. Taylor, “	2 50
Eight tramps,	8 00
Joseph Drake,	2 80
Sarah O. Bartlett,	3 00
Henry Sawtell, “	2 72

John La Bounty, family,	\$28 85	
Sarah T. Martin,	26 10	
Carter, family,	21 01	
One-half fines against C. D. Whitaker,	25 00	384 99
Hinsdale Bank sinking fund, 1878, '79, '80, '81, '82, '83, with interest to March 1, 1884, for new town hall,		5,498 60
Rent from Henry J. Knapp,		18 97
State, for bounty on crows,		11 80
Hinsdale savings bank, (ministerial fund),		272 36
Cash in the treasury, March 1, 1884,		2,269 54
		<u>\$8,456 26</u>
Liabilities,	\$25,694 47	
Assets,	8,456 26	
Total indebtedness of town, March 1, 1884,		<u>\$17,238 21</u>

We recommend to the town to raise for current expenses for the year ensuing, in addition to the amount required to be raised by law :—

Ordinary town charges,	\$1,800 00
Common schools, with the literary fund,	800 00
High school,	1,500 00
Highways,	1,500 00
Claying and hardening roads,	300 00
Lighting street lamps,	600 00
Support of the poor,	600 00
Railings for highways,	200 00

All the above reports we respectfully submit.

WARREN S. BARROWS,  
PRENTISS W. TAYLOR,  
GEORGE P. HOOKER,

*Selectmen of Hinsdale.*

# REPORT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL AGENT,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1884.

## RECEIPTS.

Cash deposited in town treasury, overdrawn by C. S. Fay,	\$ 52 37
Town voted to raise for high school purposes, March 13, 1883,	1,600 00

## EXPENDITURES.

C. P. Hall, as Principal,	\$1,000 00	
Hattie C. Lyman, as Assistant,	324 00	
N. M. Worden, rent of rooms,	200 00	
H. C. Holland, 3 vols. Johnson's Cyclopædia, 18 00		
The Hunter Co., stationery and crayons,	3 15	
J. H. Henry, 2 cabinets,	7 07	
C. P. Hall, water pail,	20	
Frank Jackson, 1 chair, delivered prior to March 1, 1883,	70	
C. S. Fay, erasers, prior to March 1, 1883,	4 50	
L. A. Parks, 1 table, " " "	4 06	
C. S. Fay, crayons, " " "	66	
Cash in town treasury, March 1, 1884,	90 03	
	<u>\$1,652 37</u>	<u>\$1,652 37</u>

WARREN S. BARROWS, *Agent.*





# SCHOOL REPORTS.

## REPORT OF SUPT. SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

*Fellow Townsmen, Parents and Guardians :—*

In accordance with the law, we respectfully submit for your candid consideration our Annual Report of the schools of the town for the past year :—

### No. 1.—RIVER DISTRICT.

Samuel Thomas, prudential committee. Miss Emma L. Snow, teacher first term ; Miss Sarah E. Winslow, teacher second term ; Mrs. Kate L. Thomas, teacher third term.

#### FIRST TERM

No. of weeks 10, No. of scholars 18, average attendance 15, No. of visits 18, wages\* per month \$23.80.

#### SECOND TERM.

No. of weeks 10, No. of scholars 18, average attendance 14.9, No. of visits 12, wages per month, \$22.00.

#### THIRD TERM.

No. of weeks 11, No. of scholars 14, average attendance 12.5, No. of visits 15, wages per month \$26.00.

### No. 2.—ASH SWAMP.

John W. Thomas, prudential committee. Miss Laura A. Butler, teacher first term ; Mrs. Nellie M. Streeter, teacher second term.

#### FIRST TERM.

No. of weeks 8.6, No. of scholars 18, average attendance 15, No. of weeks 10, wages per month \$19.00.

\* Includes board.

## SECOND TERM.

No. of weeks 11.8, No. of scholars 15, average attendance 14, No. of visits 7, wages per month \$20.00.

ROLL OF HONOR.—Second term, Gracia B. Thomas, Nettie M. Perham, Linus L. Perham; for the year, Mary M. Thomas.

## No. 3.—CHESTNUT HILL.

Charles Dragoon, prudential committee. Dora L. Hammond, teacher for the year.

## FIRST TERM.

No. of weeks 10, No. of scholars 11, average attendance 11, No. of visits 21; wages per month \$26.00.

## SECOND TERM.

No. of weeks 8, No. of scholars 11, average attendance 11, No. of visits 15, wages per month \$26.00.

ROLL OF HONOR.—Second term, Ida Barrett, Susan Blanchard; for the year, Walter Barrett.

## UNION AND No. 8.—GRADED SCHOOL.

C. S. Fay, N. M. Worden, G. S. Howe, prudential committee.

## UPPER BRIDGE STREET PRIMARY.

Miss Lottie A. Bowker, teacher for the year.

## FIRST TERM.

No. of weeks 11, No. of scholars 44, average attendance 41, No. of visits 42, wages per month \$28.00.

## SECOND TERM.

No. of weeks 12, No. of scholars 45, average attendance 28.3, No. of visits 42, wages per month \$28.00.

## THIRD TERM.

No. of weeks 11, No. of scholars 37, average attendance 32, No. of visits 35, wages per month \$28.00.

ROLL OF HONOR.—First term, Pauline Fisk, Ella Gilmore, Grace Robertson, Lucy Smith, Lizzie Scott, George Robertson, William Bent, Louie Babbitt, Albert Dennison. Second term, Marion Fisk, Grace Robertson, Jennie Maginniss, Lizzie Scott, Nellie Barry, Ella Newcomb, Minnie Jendrault, Clifford A.



Royce, Jakie Britton, James Archibald. Third term, Jennie Maginniss, Nellie Sheehan, Jessie Babbitt, Susie Blanchard, Ella Newcomb, James Archibald, Fred Walker. For the year, Nellie M. Lyman, Edna Major, Minnie Maginnis, Rose Dupey, Frank Archibald, Walter Major, John McCaughern.

#### BRATTLEBORO STREET PRIMARY.

Miss Marion L. Eggleston, teacher first term; Miss Ada M. Farwell, teacher second and third terms.

##### FIRST TERM.

No. of weeks 10.8, No. of scholars 51, average attendance 43, No. of visits 23, wages per month \$28.00.

##### SECOND TERM.

No. of weeks 12, No. of scholars 57, average attendance 43.6, No. of visits 14, wages per month \$28.00.

##### THIRD TERM.

No. of weeks 11, No. of scholars 43, average attendance 35.7, No. of visits 16, wages per month \$28.00.

ROLL OF HONOR.—First term, William Conway, George Day, Henry J. King, Charles Mann, Daniel Purcell, Gertrude E. Leach, Aggie F. Maynard, Julia T. Marden, Victoria Parideux. Second term, William Conway, Daniel Conway, Leon E. Cutler, Paul Mann, William Pearson, Amelia M. Cutler. Third term, Paul Mann, Daniel Purcell, Amelia M. Cutler, Nellie Dempsey, Lena Knapp, Victoria Parideux. For the year, Patrick Conway.

#### UPPER BRIDGE STREET SECONDARY.

Miss Luella M. Sawyer, teacher first and second terms; Miss Dora S. Hammond, teacher third term.

##### FIRST TERM.

No. of weeks 11, No. of scholars 29, average attendance 23.9, No. of visits 24, wages per month \$28.00.

##### SECOND TERM.

No. of weeks 12, No. of scholars 42, average attendance 35.3, No. of visits 29, wages per month \$28.00.

## THIRD TERM.

No. of weeks 11, No. of scholars 37, average attendance 32.8,  
No. of visits 26, wages per month, \$28.00.

ROLL OF HONOR.—First term, George Day, Harry Lewis, Daniel McCaughern, Lobin Newcomb, Addie Gilmore ; second term, Josie Bailey, Lena Dennison, Pauline Fisk, Maggie Sheehan, Henry Britton, Louis Babbitt, Archille Major, George Robertson ; third term, Myra Thurston, Maggie Sheehan, Stella Spencer, Ella Gilmore, Louis Babbitt, Albert Dennison, Leon Hale, John Morell ; for the year, Robert McCaughern.

## BRATTLEBORO STREET SECONDARY.

Miss Etta A. Sawyer, teacher for the year.

## FIRST TERM.

No. of weeks 11, No. of scholars 36, average attendance 30.2,  
No. of visits 16, wages per month \$28.00.

## SECOND TERM.

No. of weeks 12, No. of scholars 43, average attendance 37.9,  
No. of visits 15, wages per month \$28.00.

## THIRD TERM.

No. of weeks 11, No. of scholars 44, average attendance 37,  
No. of visits 20, wages per month \$28.00.

ROLL OF HONOR.—First term, Ruth Bacon, Una Leach, Mary Phelan, Maggie Welch, Frank Conway ; second term, Tressie Corless, Nellie Donovan, Emma Gates, Maud Lamson, Jennie Maynard, Eugene Britton, William Cunningham, Frank Conway, Henry King, Charles Mann, John Mullin, James Snow, George Vaille ; third term, Ruth Bacon, Maud Lamson, Gertrude Leach, Eugene Britton, James Snow, George Vaille ; for the year, Mary L. Hall, Eugene Cutler.

## GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

Miss Anna H. Doolittle, teacher first term ; Miss Cora B. Hubbard, teacher second and third terms.

## FIRST TERM.

No. of weeks 12, No. of scholars 52, average attendance 41,  
No. of visits 26, wages per month \$40.00.

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### SECOND TERM.

No. of weeks 12, No. of scholars 49, average attendance 43.4,  
No. of visits 30, wages per month \$40.00.

### THIRD TERM.

No. of weeks 11, No. of scholars 48, average attendance 42.7,  
No. of visits 47, wages per month \$40.00.

ROLL OF HONOR.—First term, Clesson W. Spencer, Frank E. Mason, Fred C. Davis, Lilla F. Britton, Helena L. Crowninshield, Ida L. Polley, Annie L. Smith; second term, Sarah J. Blanchard, Minnie Donahue, Jennie B. Graney, Rosa Hannon, Una M. Leach, Sarah J. Pearson, Frank E. Mason, Daniel McCaughern, Burton S. Perry, Fred Pearson; third term, Nellie G. Britton, Sarah J. Blanchard, Una M. Leach, Minnie J. Snow, Addie L. Thurston, Clarence N. Bacon, Daniel McCaughern; for the year, Bessie K. Mason.

### No. 6.—SOUTH DISTRICT.

There has been no school in this district during the past year. The suggestion made by your committee in their report of one year ago was that measures be taken to unite with Union District for school purposes. The suggestion was acted upon; the attempt made, but the committee who had the matter in charge failed in their object. If the district system is kept up for a much longer period, No. 6 must build, furnish a room for school purposes, or lose their organization. It is simply a question of dollars and cents. Whether a suitable room can be procured, (to repair the old one we think would be a financial loss,) and pay the running expenses of the school would be cheaper than for the district to pay the price of annexation, is a question which No. 6 must soon decide.

### No. 7.—PLAIN DISTRICT.

Wallace W. Streeter, prudential committee. Mrs. Nellie M. Streeter teacher first term; Miss Lizzie Cunningham teacher second term.

### FIRST TERM.

No. of weeks 8, No. of scholars 16, average attendance 11.4,  
No. of visits 12, wages per month, \$22.00.

## SECOND TERM.

No. of weeks 16, No. of scholars 24, average attendance 18, No. of visits 33, wages per month \$22.00.

ROLL OF HONOR.—First term, Nelson Richardson ; second term, Edith Smith, Julia Streeter, George Streeter ; for the year Minnie Streeter.

## No. 9.—ADAMS DISTRICT.

George P. Slate, prudential committee. Miss Mary A. Spencer, teacher first term ; Miss Augusta A. Doolittle, teacher second and third terms.

## FIRST TERM.

No. of weeks 10, No. of scholars 8, average attendance 7.2, No. of visits 12, wages per month \$20.00.

## SECOND TERM.

No. of weeks 11, No. of scholars 9, average attendance 7.8, No. of visits 10, wages per month \$21.00.

## THIRD TERM.

No. of weeks 12, No. of scholars 11, average attendance 9, No. of visits 7, wages per month \$22.00.

ROLL OF HONOR.—Second term, Benjamin Adams ; for the year, Lottie S. Slate.

## ATTENDANCE UPON EACH STUDY.

No. 1.—Reading 18, spelling 18, writing 15, arithmetic 18, grammar 4, geography 14, history 2.

No. 2.—Reading 18, spelling 18, writing 11, arithmetic 13, geography 11, grammar 2.

No. 3.—Reading 11, spelling 11, writing 8, arithmetic 8, geography 8, grammar 2, history 2.

No. 7.—Reading 24, spelling 22, writing 15, arithmetic 21, geography 13, grammar 5, history 4.

No. 9.—Reading 11, spelling 11, writing 9, arithmetic 10, geography 8, grammar 3.

## GRADED SCHOOL.

## BRATTLEBORO STREET PRIMARY.

Reading 77, spelling 55, writing 39, arithmetic 36, vocal music 77.



## UPPER BRIDGE STREET PRIMARY.

Reading 59, spelling 59, writing 47, arithmetic 32, geography (oral instruction) 32.

## BRATTLEBORO STREET SECONDARY.

Reading 55, spelling 52, writing 44, arithmetic 44, geography 51.

## UPPER BRIDGE STREET SECONDARY.

Reading 48, spelling 48, writing 41, arithmetic 42, geography 47.

## GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

Reading 70, spelling 70, writing 44, arithmetic 70, geography 68, grammar 63.

## WHOLE NO. SCHOLARS AND NON-ATTENDANCE.

The Selectmen, in the month of April, 1883, reported to your Committee the whole number of pupils in town between the ages of five and fifteen years to be 352; boys 178, girls 174. We also report the whole number of different pupils not less than five years of age who have attended the district schools not less than two weeks to be 339. The whole number of pupils between five and fifteen years who have not attended school the required number of weeks is, according to the school registers, 27.

## MOTIVES THAT SHOULD ACTUATE THE PUPIL.

The advantages at the present time for acquiring an education are very good. In our own town there are excellent opportunities to receive that instruction that will fit one for the highest usefulness. It is not necessary for our youth to go elsewhere to be instructed at great expense; they can be educated at home. We hope there will be a desire in all to improve the advantages of our schools. There are those who go part way and then drop out. We would urge all to pursue the whole course. We ask those who are now pupils in the regular course to be faithful, conscientiously attend to their studies and not be diverted by outside attractions. During term time study is the business of the pupil. Let it receive

its proper attention. There should be the conviction that present opportunities should be improved; that one is in no sense justified in carelessly passing through a course of study that takes years of the best of his life. Life is too precious and time too short to be carelessly spent. We ask that our youth make the most of their privileges, and of themselves, that they may be fitted for the greatest usefulness. Let them build a character that will be an honor to themselves and a blessing to the world. The motive of being and doing right should actuate all their pursuits in life. There are positions of usefulness for the truly good and efficient. The world needs such. We are glad to say that in most cases the pupils of our schools give evidence that they appreciate and are improving their privileges.

#### GENERAL REMARKS.

The results obtained during the school year just closed will compare favorably with that of any year's work with which your present committee is acquainted. And while we feel that there has been much to encourage us, yet there have been some partial failures. The principal reason for this is in

##### SMALL SCHOOLS AND IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE.

The small schools of the town cannot command the services of a first class teacher, yet it must be admitted that with all the defects of inexperience and a lack of thorough training, the *teachers* are better than their *wages*. These schools are ungraded, and notwithstanding the uniformity of text-books it is no unusual occurrence to find in a school of twelve pupils from eighteen to twenty-five different classes. You may observe that it is the duty of the Superintending Committee to see that there is a better classification, but it must be remembered that if "*father*" or "*mother*" thinks it is best for John to commence his term's work at "Interest," instead of with James, who is a dozen pages behind, *it must be so*, or the teacher, instead of *two* classes, will be called upon to hear the recitation of an unruly *third*. Our small schools are dull schools. The stimulus of numbers is wanting, and consequently it is almost impossible to kindle enthusiasm among

them. The remedy is consolidation, or the town system. It has been truly said that this treatment is "heroic," but it is the one thing most needed to secure improvement in our schools.

There is nothing that detracts so much from the usefulness of our *village* schools as irregular attendance. The pupil who is so remiss is almost wholly responsible for that lack of order and general attention to studies which we have noticed in some of our schools during the past year. The reason is obvious—the pupil loses his interest in his studies, becomes indifferent, then lawless, and finally insubordinate. Multiply this pupil by six and the school becomes an organized mob; and the teacher whose life is spared to see the end of a term in such a school, and to close that term with honor, is as truly entitled to a life-pension as is he who fights and wins the battles of his country. If the entire loss by this irregular attendance was borne by the pupil so negligent, it would not matter so much; but it is not. The class of which he is a member soon feels his perverted influence, and are hindered in their progress both mentally and morally. Parents and guardians have it directly in their power to stamp out this existing evil. See to it, then, that the child over whom you have control does not absent himself from school unnecessarily. Consider whether this errand, or that piece of work, can not be done out of school hours, and the pupil thereby enjoy the benefit of his recitations. Consider that you are not only doing him an injustice when you allow him to be absent from school through frivolous pretenses, but that others will certainly feel the injurious effects of your indulgence. With due allowance for unavoidable absence, it is very evident that irregular attendance is sufficient to call for repressive measures. In this connection, as an allied topic, we might call your attention to the evils of truancy; but we forbear, as we trust that your usual good judgment will soon give your committee the power to regulate the nuisance in accordance with the laws of the State.

#### TOWN SYSTEM.

We respectfully ask you to give the above subject earnest and careful thought. You are soon to cast your votes for or

against the system: be sure that it is not done carelessly. Investigate the matter thoroughly in so far as you are able, that you may act intelligently. We are all of us, as residents of Hinsdale, willing to do much to promote the cause of education. We are not only anxious to keep our schools on a plane with those of adjoining towns, but, being progressive, are willing to take a step in advance, to throw off some of the hindrances to the advancement of our educational privileges; and to do this, a vote for the town system is a step in the right direction. Your committee have come to this conclusion after a thorough investigation, being guided somewhat by the opinions of the best educators in this and other States. Hon. J. W. Patterson, our present Superintendent of Public Instruction, says: "An opportunity for an equable distribution of intelligence and a fair development of faculties among all the members of society, is a chief purpose of public instruction. Our district system at present seems to defeat this object. We refuse to unite or abolish districts, but find it hard to defend, on considerations of public welfare, a scheme which gives forty weeks of schooling to one child and only four to another." These remarks were made of the schools of the State, but they will apply equally well to the schools of our town. This special system calls for no centralization, for, if adopted, it will probably require the same number of school-houses as now, in order that the younger pupils may be accommodated. From the various sources at our command we have formulated the following:—

1. It equalizes the school advantages in the various sections of the town.
2. It makes of the entire town one school district. The town thus becomes a unit for school purposes; the school buildings are owned by the town; the town builds and repairs all school-houses.
3. It establishes and maintains in the different neighborhoods so many schools, and of such grades as the good of the neighborhood requires.
4. It simplifies the management of the schools, and places them under one set of officers. Thus it tends to secure that



system and uniformity of instruction and management so much desired.

5. It secures a more economical and judicious expenditure of the public school fund.

H. H. HAMILTON,

M. C. DIX,

*Supt. School Committee.*

# HIGH SCHOOL REPORT.

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The report of last year closed with the record of the second term, fourth year's work. The wages of teachers are found in the report of the agent, Warren S. Barrows.

C. P. Hall, principal; Miss Hattie C. Lyman, assistant; teachers for the year.

## THIRD TERM—FIFTH YEAR.

No. of weeks 12, No. of scholars 44, average daily attendance 40.3, No. of visits 8.

## FIRST TERM—SIXTH YEAR.

No. of weeks 11.8, No. of scholars 41, average daily attendance 38.6, No. of visits 15.

## SECOND TERM—SIXTH YEAR.

No. of weeks 12, No. of scholars 44, average daily attendance 39.3, No. of visits 24.

ROLL OF HONOR.—First term, William H. Davenport, Jesse F. Hall, George A. Holland, Abbie S. Franklin; second term, Fred W. Colton, Edward K. Hall, Lena L. Crowninshield, Lizzie A. Cunningham, Minnie M. Todd, Hattie A. Wright, Nellie A. Wright, Anna J. Liscom; third term, Nattie D. Bartlett, Mabel A. Hunter, Lena M. Liscom, Alice M. Spencer; for the year, Myron A. Nims, Maggie L. Fitzgerald, Alice M. Roberts.

The report of Principal Hall is as follows:—

*To the Superintending School Committee :*

GENTLEMEN: I submit the following report of the high school for the year just closing.

The number of pupils has been smaller this year than the previous years.

The attendance has been better than last year, although we

have far too many cases of absence that are unnecessary. Parents who give their children permission to stay out of school to attend base-ball games or sleigh-rides, lose sight of the influence upon the school, if not upon the children themselves. Pupils who remain at their school work are made uneasy by the absence of their mates, and the absent ones never regain what they lose except at the expense of the other pupils or teachers. Maggie Fitzgerald has not had a mark for absence or tardiness for eleven terms. Nearly half the tardiness was occasioned by four pupils. Was it necessary?

The following are the names of those who graduated last June: Lizzie F. Cunningham, Rest A. Higgins, Daisy E. Leonard, Annie M. Mitchell, Frank W. Bailey, Jesse F. Hall, Frederick S. Leonard, Walter L. Todd.

I desire to again call your attention to the desirability of having music taught in our schools. This seems to be the only way by which our boys and girls may learn to sing; for public singing schools, even if held, are not patronized. As it is, very few of them can sing, except by rote.

I have received and expended money, as follows:

Balance on hand last year,	\$2 86	
From Mr. Allis, express on coral,	1 20	
From Aunt Polly Bassett entertainment,	1 32	
Contributions for graduating expenses,	23 00	
School entertainment,	25 40	
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#### EXPENDITURES.

Covering atlas,	\$1 50	
Chemicals,	50	
Physical apparatus,	2 73	
Express on State geology,	50	
Framing pictures,	3 10	
Packard's Zoology,	79	
Graduation expenses,	24 00	
Mirror,	75	
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Balance,		\$ 19 91

It is proposed to use the balance in procuring chemical and physical apparatus. Two new cases have been put into the rooms, one for the chemicals and the other for the "Allis collection," which is now shown by itself. During the year Hitchcock's valuable geology of the State in three volumes, with accompanying maps, has been received from the Governor; also a valuable collection of Colorado minerals from Fred Buckley, a former pupil.

A set of the People's Cyclopædia has been added to our reference library, and portraits of Hon. Horace Mann, the "father of common schools in Massachusetts," and Gen. John Eaton, U. S. Commissioner of Education, presented by the principal, now hang upon our walls.

With the eyes of some of the world's good and great ever upon them, with the aid of specimens from the hand of nature, apparatus from the hand, and books from the mind, of man,—our pupils ought to do work creditable to themselves and those who have so generously placed these means within their reach.

Very respectfully yours,

C. P. HALL,

*Principal High School.*

#### THE WORK, USEFULNESS AND REWARDS OF THE TEACHER.

The teacher is called to one of the most responsible positions. To him are committed the development and training of immortal minds. The mind is brought under his instruction and influence when it is easily impressed and when impressions once made are lasting. He takes the mind when it is teachable and can mold it according to his own standard and will. If he is unfaithful and does not perform his duty according to the highest dictates of conscience, the pupil will suffer from it all his life. It devolves upon him so to instruct and train the mind that all its powers may be developed and the pupil fitted for the greatest usefulness and be able to fulfill his mission in the world. The character of the pupil is largely molded and formed by the teacher. By precept and example he builds and shapes the life and character of those under his charge. A conscientious



teacher will not only instruct in the studies of a prescribed course, but will work for the moral and spiritual good of his pupils. We are glad to say we have such teachers, and we ask the encouragement and co-operation of all citizens. The teacher has an honorable calling as he works upon the best material. He is not called to develop the material resources of nature, neither to build structures of wood and stone, nor spend his time in securing material wealth. His material is not wood, stone, gold and silver, or any earthly thing, but immortal minds. He deals with a thinking, moral, and responsible agent. He who instructs and directs such an agent in the best possible way is to be envied in his work.

There are those who are promoted to high positions of trust and responsibility in state and nation; who influence men and control the affairs of the country; yet the teacher is engaged in an equally honorable work in teaching and training our youth so that they, too, may fill important positions in the world.

Man was made for usefulness. He is not only to make the most of himself, but to help others and advance them in all that is good. The conscientious and faithful teacher is eminently useful. He communicates knowledge, opens before the child the book of nature and the literature of the world. He instructs in the languages; the sciences; in ethics and morals. He not only imparts information but teaches the pupil *how* to gather knowledge from every source. In short he teaches how to acquire an education and to use it in the best way. Upon the teacher devolves the task of *teaching others how to teach*; of fitting our youth for important positions in our literary institutions; in all departments of industry, and in the state and nation. He has much to do in making them good and useful citizens.

The pecuniary compensation of the teacher in most places is below the proper standard. It is very much to be regretted that a work so important in all its bearings, should be so poorly rewarded. There is, doubtless, a growing improvement in this respect, but it is still true that for literary effort in all its departments, the pecuniary compensation is small. The teacher, like many others, must find other rewards than money. These

are indeed many. By teaching, his own mind is developed and strengthened. He is constantly acquiring more knowledge. He, in fact, learns more than his pupils. Every time he takes a class through a study he gains new facts of knowledge, and becomes more skillful and thorough. He grows in moral power. Being constantly in contact with those who need careful guidance, he is compelled to make earnest effort to gain the mastery over himself and to set a good example. The teacher is also permitted to see, in most cases, the gradual improvement of his pupils. And when he sees able scholars as the result of his efforts, he must have great satisfaction. The teacher is conscious of being engaged in an honorable and useful calling. He has no apology to make to any one for his business. He *knows* that his work is a good one, that it has been honored by faithful teachers, and has the support and commendation of all who would promote the best interests of our youth. Again, the teacher will have the gratitude of many pupils and friends whom he has instructed, helped and benefitted. The above considerations should be a great encouragement to our teachers.

#### CONCLUSION.

The year has been a successful one. We believe better results are being secured each succeeding year. The teachers are faithful and their instruction accurate and comprehensive.

We are glad to notice on the part of the pupils a disposition to make the most of their opportunities.

The public exercises of the last graduating class were very creditable. And a recent entertainment given in the town hall, by the teachers, members of the school and recent graduates, was not only very pleasing, but *instructive* and *profitable*. We are more and more convinced that this school is doing a very *necessary* and *excellent* work in town. We think that the suggestion of the Principal in regard to vocal music is an important one. We heartily endorse it and trust that the town will make such arrangements as they think proper in relation thereto.

H. H. HAMILTON,

M. C. DIX,

*High School Committee.*

## REPORT OF FIRE ENGINEERS.

There has been but one alarm of fire that has necessitated the calling out of the department during the year ; that on the morning of Feb. 27, caused by a mattress taking fire in the tenement owned by DeLos Jackson and occupied by E. J. Temple. Slight damage was sustained.

There has been laid the past year 900 feet of 4-inch cast iron pipe. This pipe needs no commendation from the Engineers, as the public test of June last fully demonstrated the fact of its superiority over any other class of fire hose. Suffice it to say that we deem it for the best interests of the town to purchase and lay the coming year 2000 feet of this pipe, for the better protection of property, which the rapid growth and compactness of the village requires.

Paid R. D. Wood & Co., for iron pipe,	\$353 21
“ Freight on pipe from Troy,	37 72
“ C. D. Whitaker, drawing pipe from depot,	2 85
“ “ “ use of stone lifter,	2 00
“ Stebbins & Horton, for old lead,	2 63
“ B. A. Clark, oakum,	4 75
“ Freight on “ “	50
“ J. B. Mitchell, old lead,	5 73
“ D. A. Owen, “ “	8 52
“ A. S. Bacon, “ “	3 48
“ G. W. Holland, “	78
“ O. H. Higgins, team work,	2 20
“ Holman & Merriman, bolts,	1 00
“ “ “ castings,	54
“ “ “ old pipe,	45
“ “ “ wrench,	2 00
“ “ “ 82 hours' work, @ 35c,	28 70
“ R. Morrill, 2 days' work,	3 50

Paid John Sheehan,	2 days' work,	\$3 50
" C. E. Hunter,	" "	3 50
" F. Gero,	5 "	8 75
" Ed Carroll,	6 "	10 50
" James Hannon,	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	15 00
" Frank Blake,	" "	13 13
" Rufus S. Frost & Co.,	3 hydrants,	45 38
" Freight on hydrants,		42
" Haile, Frost & Co.,	1 valve,	5 25
" C. D. Whitaker,	team work,	1 75
" R. D. Wood & Co.,	1 valve,	12 73
" Leonard & Henry,	printing,	1 00
" Allen,	fire pipe and nozzle,	22 00
" Exp. on same,		50
" John Snow,	3 hydrant covers,	5 00
" Q. W. Cobb,	sharpening picks,	75
" " "	1 wrench,	75
" John Petterson,	painting hydrants,	2 25
" 76 firemen,	salary, \$3.00 each,	228 00
" 14 hours' work,		3 50
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All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. FITZGERALD, *Chief Engineer.*

GEO. W. LEWIS,

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